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Financing of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti

Report of the Fifth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. At its 3rd plenary meeting, on 21 September 2007, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include in the agenda of its sixty-second session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti" and to allocate it to the Fifth Committee.

2. The Fifth Committee considered the item at its 40th and 51st meetings, on 12 May and 13 June 2008. Statements and observations made in the course of the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.5/62/SR.40 and 51).

3. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General on the financial performance of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti for the period from 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007 (A/62/631);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General on the budget for the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti for the period from 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009 (A/62/720);

(c) Related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/62/781/Add.6).

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II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.5/62/L.44

4. At its 51st meeting, on 13 June, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "Financing of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti" (A/C.5/62/L.44), submitted by the Chairman on the basis of informal consultations coordinated by the representative of Egypt.

5. Before the consideration of the draft resolution, the Secretary of the Committee orally corrected the text as follows:

(a) In operative paragraph 1, after the date "30 June 2006", the word "and" was added and the phrase "and 62/___ of _____" was deleted;

(b) In operative paragraph 17, after "62/266", the word "and" was added and the phrase "and 62/___" was deleted.

6. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.5/62/L.44, as orally corrected, without a vote (see para. 7).

III. Recommendation of the Fifth Committee

7. The Fifth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Financing of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti

The General Assembly,

Having considered the reports of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

Recalling Security Council resolution 1529 (2004) of 29 February 2004, by which the Council declared its readiness to establish a United Nations stabilization force to support continuation of a peaceful and constitutional political process and the maintenance of a secure and stable environment in Haiti,

Recalling also Security Council resolution 1542 (2004) of 30 April 2004, by which the Council decided to establish the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti for an initial period of six months, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Mission, the latest of which was resolution 1780 (2007) of 15 October 2007, by which the Security Council extended the mandate of the Mission until 15 October 2008,

Recalling further its resolution 58/315 of 1 July 2004,

Recalling its resolution 58/311 of 18 June 2004 on the financing of the Mission and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 61/284 of 29 June 2007,

Reaffirming the general principles underlying the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations, as stated in General Assembly resolutions 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, 3101 (XXVIII) of 11 December 1973 and 55/235 of 23 December 2000,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Mission with the financial resources necessary to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to entrust the Head of Mission with the task of formulating future budget proposals in full accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolutions 59/296 of 22 June 2005, 60/266 of 30 June 2006 and 61/276 of 29 June 2007, as well as other relevant resolutions;

2. *Takes note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti as at 31 March 2008, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 171.5 million United States dollars, representing some 10 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes with concern that only sixty-three Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges

[1] A/62/631 and A/62/720.

[2] A/62/781/Add.6.

all other Member States, in particular those in arrears, to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

3. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Mission in full;

4. *Expresses concern* at the financial situation with regard to peacekeeping activities, in particular as regards the reimbursements to troop contributors that bear additional burdens owing to overdue payments by Member States of their assessments;

5. *Also expresses concern* at the delay experienced by the Secretary-General in deploying and providing adequate resources to some recent peacekeeping missions, in particular those in Africa;

6. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

7. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

8. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to make the fullest possible use of facilities and equipment at the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, in order to minimize the costs of procurement for the Mission;

9. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2] subject to the provisions of the present resolution, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure their full implementation;

10. *Decides* to approve the upgrade and redeployment of one P-5 post from the Civil Affairs Section to the Office of the Principal Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary-General;

11. *Also decides* to approve the establishment of fourteen national General Service temporary positions for Drivers;

12. *Requests* the Secretary-General to make every effort for the Mission to comply with United Nations aviation safety standards, in particular regarding meteorological information and firefighting equipment;

13. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to strengthen the coordination between the Mission, the United Nations country team and other United Nations entities, including in addressing the root causes of unexpected emergencies such as the unrest generated by the recent food crisis in Haiti;

14. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary steps to address the high vacancy rate in national posts as a matter of urgency;

15. *Decides* to allocate up to 2 million dollars for quick-impact projects for the period from 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009;

16. *Also decides* that quick-impact projects shall be conducted by the Mission in accordance with the requirements set out in resolution 61/276 and requests the Secretary-General to report thereon to the General Assembly at its sixty-third session;

17. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the full implementation of relevant provisions of its resolutions 59/296, 60/266 and 61/276;

18. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Mission is administered with maximum efficiency and economy;

19. *Further requests* the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to continue efforts to recruit local staff for the Mission against General Service posts, commensurate with the requirements of the Mission;

Financial performance report for the period from 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007

20. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the financial performance of the Mission for the period from 1 July 2006 to 30 June 2007;[3]

Budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009

21. *Decides* to appropriate to the Special Account for the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti the amount of 601,580,100 dollars for the period from 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009, inclusive of 574,916,500 dollars for the maintenance of the Mission, 23,243,500 dollars for the support account for peacekeeping operations and 3,420,100 dollars for the United Nations Logistics Base;

Financing of the appropriation

22. *Also decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 175,460,862 dollars for the period from 1 July to 15 October 2008, in accordance with the levels updated in its resolution 61/243 of 22 December 2006, and taking into account the scale of assessments for 2008, as set out in its resolution 61/237 of 22 December 2006;

23. *Further decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 22 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 4,557,495 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 3,827,308 dollars approved for the Mission, the prorated share of 651,379 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account and the prorated share of 78,808 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base;

24. *Decides* to apportion among Member States the amount of 426,119,238 dollars for the period from 16 October 2008 to 30 June 2009 at a

[3] A/62/631.

monthly rate of 50,131,675 dollars, in accordance with the levels updated in its resolution 61/243, taking into account the scale of assessments for 2008 and 2009, as set out in its resolution 61/237, subject to a decision of the Security Council to extend the mandate of the Mission;

25. *Also decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X), there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 24 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of 11,068,205 dollars, comprising the estimated staff assessment income of 9,294,892 dollars approved for the Mission, the prorated share of 1,581,921 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the support account and the prorated share of 191,392 dollars of the estimated staff assessment income approved for the United Nations Logistics Base;

26. *Further decides* that, for Member States that have fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, there shall be set off against their apportionment, as provided for in paragraph 22 above, their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the total amount of 39,781,200 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2007, in accordance with the levels updated in General Assembly resolution 61/243, taking into account the scale of assessments for 2007, as set out in its resolution 61/237;

27. *Decides* that, for Member States that have not fulfilled their financial obligations to the Mission, there shall be set off against their outstanding obligations their respective share of the unencumbered balance and other income in the total amount of 39,781,200 dollars in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2007, in accordance with the scheme set out in paragraph 26 above;

28. *Also decides* that the decrease of 85,200 dollars in the estimated staff assessment income in respect of the financial period ended 30 June 2007 shall be set off against the credits from the amount of 39,781,200 dollars referred to in paragraphs 26 and 27 above;

29. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions;

30. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel participating in the Mission under the auspices of the United Nations, bearing in mind paragraphs 5 and 6 of Security Council resolution 1502 (2003) of 26 August 2003;

31. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

32. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-third session the item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti".